2012-2013 Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits				
SPECIES	BAG LIMIT	ZONE (page 9)	SEASON DATES	NOTES
Black Bear	1	See note 1	Sept. 10 - Oct. 26	1
Cottontail Rabbit and Varying Hare	5 per day 10 combined in possession	Statewide	Sept. 15 - Mar. 31	
Crow	No limit	Statewide	Aug. 1 - Sept. 30 & Feb. 1 - Mar. 31	2
Deer	See page 14 for U.P. and DMU 487 buck hunting regulations and antler restriction regulations			
Early Antlerless Firearm	1 per kill tag	See note 4	September 22-23	4
Youth and 100 Percent Disabled Veterans	1	Statewide See page 13	September 22-23	10
Special Disabled Firearm Hunt	1 per kill tag	Statewide See page 33	October 18-21	11
Archery	1 per kill tag	Statewide	Oct. 1 - Nov. 14 & Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	3
Regular Firearm	1 per kill tag	Statewide	Nov. 15 - 30	3
Muzzleloading	1 per kill tag	Zone 1 Zone 2 Zone 3	Dec. 7 - 16 Dec. 14 - 23 Dec. 7 - 23	3
Late Antlerless Firearm	1 per kill tag	See note 4	Dec. 17 - Jan. 1	4
Elk	1	See note 1	Aug. 28-31, Sept. 14-17, Sept. 28-Oct. 1, Dec. 8-16, Jan. 16-20	1
Pheasant (male only)	2 per day 4 in possession	Zone 1 Zones 2, 3 Zone 3 (partial)	Oct. 10 - 31 Oct. 20 - Nov. 14 Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	5, 6
Quail	5 per day 10 in possession	See page 18	Oct. 20 - Nov. 14	12
Ruffed Grouse	See note 7	Statewide	Sept. 15 - Nov. 14 & Dec. 1 - Jan. 1	7
Sharp-tailed Grouse	2 per day 4 in possession 6 per season	See page 18	Oct. 10 - 31	13
Squirrel Fox and Gray (black phase included)	5 per day 10 in possession	Statewide	Sept. 15 - Mar. 1	
Wild Turkey (Fall Season)	See note 8	See note 8	Sept. 15 - Nov. 14	8
Woodcock	3 per day 6 in possession	Statewide	Sept. 24 - Nov. 7	9

Opossum, porcupine, weasel, red squirrel, skunk, ground squirrel, woodchuck, feral pigeons, starling and house sparrows may be taken year-round with a valid Michigan hunting license. See State Park and Recreation Area restrictions on page 32.

1. See the 2012 Bear Hunting Digest or 2012 Elk Hunting Digest for more information.

Notes:

- 2. Crows may be taken outside the open season during hunting hours, in compliance with federal regulations, if these birds are causing a nuisance or creating a health hazard.
- 3. See page 14 for antler restriction regulations statewide.
- 4. Antlerless deer in select DMUs on private land. See the 2012 Antlerless Deer Hunting Digest.
- 5. See Zone 1 hunting area map on page 18.
- 6. See December Pheasant Season map on page 18.
- 7. Zones 1 and 2; five per day/10 in possession. Zone 3: three per day/six in possession.
- 8. See the 2012 Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Digest.
- 9. Shotguns must be plugged so they are capable of holding no more than three shells. A federal waterfowl stamp is not required to hunt woodcock. HIP endorsement is required. See page 18. See 2012 Waterfowl Hunting Digest.
- 10. A firearm or combination license is valid for any deer during this season.
- 11. See page 33 for eligibility requirements.
- 12. Special rules for Ionia and Highland field trial areas. See page 32.
- 13. See Sharp-tailed Grouse map on page 18.
- 14. Includes public lands within DMU 486 with appropriate individual DMU license.